

Indiana Private Lands Access Program



What is the Indiana Private Lands Access Program (IPLA)?

With nearly 96% of land in Indiana privately owned, public hunting opportunities are limited. The Indiana Private Lands Access (IPLA) program provides financial incentives for allowing limited public access hunting and the opportunity for private landowners to work with wildlife biologists to establish and improve wildlife habitat. IPLA focuses on finding places and activities for youth and families to experience the outdoors. We are currently looking to expand the program across the state.

Landowner Incentives

Habitat

- Eligible landowners who enroll into the program will work with a wildlife biologist to develop a management plan.
- The plan will be used to maintain eligibility in the program.
- The developed management plan will address landowner and program objectives for the desired species on each tract.
- Landowners will receive an incentive payment for each activity and season they allow public access for hunting activities (see incentive payment schedule below).
- Landowners will be eligible for cost-share monies to improve or maintain targeted habitats on their property as specified in the management plan.

Liability

- Each successfully drawn hunter is required to sign a liability waiver at the time they apply for an IPLA hunter permit.
- Liability for all activities on IPLA tracts of land is covered under the State of Indiana Agrotourism Law (IC 34-31-9).

Additional Information

- Either the landowner or DNR may withdraw from the program at any time during the year with a 60-day written notice.
- IPLA contracts can be for 1-3 years.
- Any tract enrolled in an IPLA contract that has a management plan developed must complete required habitat management and participate in at least one hunting season for the species for which the tract was developed before withdrawal can occur.
- All hunting access is reserved solely for successfully drawn participants during the IPLA access dates for any tract.
- Participating landowners can still hunt their tract for species other than those targeted by the IPLA program.
- Landowners will forego hunting access for target species until after the last reserved hunt date has passed.
- Payments to landowners will be made after the approved activities are completed each year.
- IPLA signs will be placed at designated parking areas, and any undefined boundaries will be clearly marked by the landowner.

Incentive Payment Schedule	
Pheasant, Quail, Woodcock	
Access Type	Annual Payment
Non-Intensive Game Management Enhancement	\$8/acre
Intensive Game Management Enhancement	\$25/acre
Wild Turkey†	
Hunt Windows	Annual Payment
4-Day Youth Weekend*	\$5/acre
5-Day Opening Window**	\$5/acre
First Monday-Sunday Following Opening Window***	\$3/acre
Second Monday-Sunday Following Opening Window***	\$3/acre

†Acreage can include agricultural fields

*Includes Thursday and Friday prior to youth weekend for scouting

**Includes Monday and Tuesday prior to opening Wednesday-Sunday for scouting and blind setup

***Scouting and blind setup must be done within Monday-Sunday window

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